

2. (Amended) A medium feeding apparatus comprising:
at least one align roller to align a medium in a path; and
a feed assistance member comprising:
(i) a shaft;
(ii) a feed assistance roller rotably mounted to the shaft and positioned to apply pressure on the medium in the path to stabilize the feed of the medium, wherein the feed assistance member is not rotably connected to the align roller, and wherein the feed assistance roller is not vertically aligned with any align roller.
3. (Amended) The medium feeding apparatus of claim 2, wherein the at least one align roller comprises at least one vertical align roller to align the medium in the vertical direction and further comprising a lateral align roller to align the medium in the lateral direction, wherein the feed assistance member is mounted between the lateral and vertical align rollers.
10. (Amended) A medium processing device including a medium feeding apparatus to feed the medium through a feed path in the processing device, wherein the medium feeding apparatus comprises:
at least one align roller to align a medium in a path; and
a feed assistance member comprising:
(i) a shaft;
(ii) a feed assistance roller rotably mounted to the shaft and positioned to apply pressure on the medium in the path to stabilize the feed of the medium, wherein the feed assistance member is not rotably connected to the align roller, and wherein the feed assistance roller is not vertically aligned with any align roller.
12. (Amended) The medium processing device of claim 10, wherein the at least one align roller comprises at least one vertical align roller to align the medium in the vertical direction and wherein the medium feeding apparatus further comprises a lateral align roller to